

A GREAT
DISCOVERY

OF THE
QUEENS preparation in *Holland*,
to assist the KING in *England*.

Also, how Her Majesty hath sent Her Stan-
dard, with the rest of her Regiments over
to *Newcastle*.

As it was sent in a Letter from *Rot-
terdam*, Dated *Decemb. 16. stilo novo*, and
directed to M. *John Blackston* a Member of
the House of Common.

Die Veneris 16 Decemb. 1642.

Ordered by the Lords and Commons assem-
bled in Parliament, that this Letter shall be
forthwith printed and published.

I. Brown Cler. Parliamentorum.

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In *Rotterdam*, Decemb. 16. 1642.

Stilo novo.

Worthy Sir,

MY last unto you was
of the twelfth present,
which I sent by Ship;
and fearing least that
may be long before it
come to your hands, I thought fit to
write unto you now by Post; and it
is to advise you, that there come
hither frequently good and lusty
ships from *Newcastle*, which are sent
hither by the Merchants of that
Town, for the service of the Queen:
And there is continuall transportati-
on of great store of Men, Money, and

Ammunition, over in them. There came hither about 14 daies since M. *Knolls*, and that arch K. Capt. *Archibald*, who is very diligent & notorious in his service, for the betraying of his Countrey, and for that hath of late had that honour conferred upon him to be made a Captaine, and is about three daies since gon from hence with his ship laden with Men, Money, and Ammunition for *Newcastle*. I heare that M. *Knolls* brought over Letters from his Majesty, that hath been the occasion of the Queens stay here, which all that be well affected are very sorry for; who had rather she were elsewhere. Upon the receipt of which Letters from His Majesty, I heare that the Queen the next day sent M. *Termin* to the States Generall, to acquaint them therewith, and that
His

His Majesty advised the Queen to stay here for some time longer; and that, because His Majesty was upon a treaty of Accommodation, and doubted not but that in short time he should make all things well; and that therefore the Queen gave the thanks for those Ships that had a long time waited upon her service, and desired that they might now be discharged, which was done accordingly; yet notwithstanding Her Majesties Agents labour here exceedingly in sending away Men, Money, Horse and Ammunition unto *Newcastle* for the advancing of Her Majesties Army in those parts. Upon Thursday last I was at the *Hague*, and there saw Her Majesties Standard, which was just then going away, to be sent for *Newcastle*; & yesterday was seven-night, I heard
that

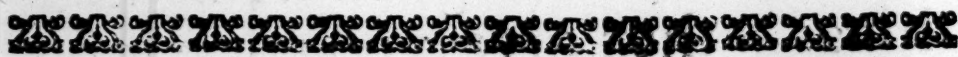
that Colonel *Goring* and *McCrofts*, and
M. Slingsby, and Capt. *Bret*, and Capt.
Mackworth, and divers other Cava-
liers went to *Amsterdam*, to take ship
there, to go for *England* with all speed,
and it is thought for *Newcastle*; and
that Col. *Goring* is to be Lord General
of the Kings Horse. I heare likewise
that there is more going away from
thence to *Newcastle*, 400 Officers and
old Souldiers, and 400 Horse, and
1000 more are to follow, which are
Her Maiesties Regiment, and should
have been a Guard to Her person if
she had gon on. The Prince of *Orange*
I heare suffers all his Officers to goe,
that will, onely under this colour,
that as many as goe hence, shall be
constrained; although he can give
them greater honour as he pleaseth,
and they expect, for so good service,
if

if they do return. It is very credibly reported here, that there is now sending away with all speed to *Newcastle* 160000 pound sterling, which I am very credibly informed by some Dutch-men, is by way of loane raised by the Papists in these parts (which are not few) for the Queen. And that the Prince of *Orange* is engaged for the payment of it, which are most horrible things. Therefore I can do no lesse in conscience to God and his cause, and in duty and love unto the Kingdom and Parliament, (hearing and seeing these things.) then give you notice of it, who are a member of that Honorable House, which I shall desire you (if you shall think fit) to communicate unto the House; but shall intreat you to doe me the like favour you have done,

done, in concealing of my name.
Thus desiring the Lord to be with
you, and to blesse and prosper your
proceedings, and the whole House,
with the tender of my service, and
best respects unto you, I humbly
take my leave, and rest

Yours, to love and serve you in the Lord.

There are two *Newcastle* Ships here, ready to
go with the first faire Wind, laden as is before
mentioned; and also three great Dutch Hoyes
laden with Field-pieces and carriages, and many
Holland Waggones, which are made strong and
large, and covered over head, such as usually at-
tend the leaguer.



*To his much Honoured friend, Iohn Black-
stone Esquire, a Member of the House of
Commons in the honourable House of Par-
liament, present these.*

FINIS.